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CHAFEE RAISES CONCERNS REGARDING PORT SECURITY

“News of a Potential Plan is a Cause for Great Concern”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), a member of both the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and on Foreign Relations, today expressed strong concerns regarding the proposal by Dubai Ports World of the United Arab Emirates to purchase the rights to manage six U.S. sea ports:

“News of a potential deal resulting in a foreign company controlling U.S. ports is a cause for great concern. While I am and remain pro trade, deals that have the potential to compromise our national security should be vetted properly, and it is critical that Congress has a role in this process. I am in full support of increased transparency regarding such issues of national security.”

“I believe that a more extensive review of this matter is necessary, and I support delaying any deal until such review is completed. As a member of two Senate committees that may have oversight of this issue, I stand with many of my colleagues in requesting that this transaction be delayed until we can receive full assurance that the ports across the nation remain safe.”

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